



MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council
From: Andy Quittner, City Attorney *Andy Quittner*
Date: July 1, 2020
Re: Resolution Ratifying and Extending Mayor's COVID-19 Order

On June 26, 2020, the Mayor signed an Order adopting most of the Governor's suggested mask and safety requirements set out in Executive Order. The Declaration required commercial entities to develop, post and implement a health and safety policy that, at a minimum, required all employees and visitors to wear a mask, whenever a six-foot distance could not be maintained which in retail establishments is, for practical purposes, nearly everywhere. Some exceptions, such as when eating and drinking, are allowed.

Since reopening businesses, the spread of COVID-19 has taken a sharp upward spike and the local hospital is nearly overcome with cases. It has been shown that wearing masks can help control the spread of COVID-19. In order to allow most businesses to keep operating while controlling the safety and wellbeing of everyone wearing a mask in public is necessary.

With more people in the community testing positive for COVID-19, and an inherent increase in the number of asymptomatic carriers, city personnel are at greater risk of exposure to COVID-19. In order to ensure that city services continue at the high level expected by the public, city employee, including first responders, need to be protected as much as possible.

The Mayor's declaration expires at midnight July 7, 2020. This Resolution will continue the declaration as a health and safety ordinance until repealed by the Council or lifted by the Governor. This Resolution also changes any penalty that might be assessed against a business to a civil penalty which will help, if necessary, with recalcitrant managers or regional managers.